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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.

Continued cold Thursday with fresh N. W. winds.

IT WILL COME

In another column will be found an article on the subject of creating a respectable white Republican party in the South, which appeared in a New York paper some weeks since. The subject is one of great moment, both to the national Republican party and to the South. It is admitted by conservative men that the present political status of the South is a barrier to its material advancement and deep down in the hearts of thousands of thoughtful men in the South this sentiment finds strongest lodgement. Without a strong minority party no section can receive the best political government, and the South, in recent years, has been no exception to this rule. For this condition, though, the South has itself to blame less than it has the Republican party, which gave the ballot to an illiterate people. Yet the South has been the sufferer through it all.

Now that there is a better sentiment springing up within the national Republican party to remedy in a measure the great crime which it foisted upon this people it should meet with encouragement from the thousands of our people who have come to recognize that there is less danger to the States in Republican control than there is in perpetrating political strife and an uncontrolled rule by a single party. The methods by which this must be achieved are various and tortuous. Republicans must abandon all interference with the political condition of the negro at the South. She must be left alone in solving this question, which she is now fast doing. The disfranchisement of this element is a long step in the direction of building up a white Republican party here, and the abhorred leaders of Southern Democracy recognize the truth of this.

Another of the requirements in achieving the desired end is for the Republican party to throw upon all attempts by demagogues to hamper the Southern people with political restrictions—"force bills," national supervision of elections and the like. Such policies in the past have failed of enactment, and even if enacted they could never have been put into effective operation.

And still another—a very important one—is by overtures of pacificatory policy. We have watched President McKinley very closely, and we believe he is imbued with a sincere desire to conciliate the political South. The last demonstration of this was his disinclination to have Congress reduce Congressional representation. Another prominent feature in his administration is the fact that he has made less appointments of negroes to office than did Grover Cleveland, while at the same time he has given recognition to Southern white men far out of proportion to their numerical standing. We do not believe we err when we say that President McKinley has a sincere desire to conciliate the South and make it to feel that he is an administration of the whole people.

The present administration has made many mistakes, in our view, but it has been marvelously free from sectionalism and all of its poisonous taints. This must of necessity have its effect in bringing the South into closer commercial union with the rest of the nation, which means its own material advancement.

"A PARTY of Imperial Yeomanry came into contact with the invaders near Prince Albert, and an officer and some men are missing." Such is a dispatch from Cape Town, South Africa, and the invaders referred to are the dashing Boers led by DeWet and his brave subordinates. "An officer and some men missing" is ominous, and no doubt has been common in the dispatches reporting British losses. The United States has experienced a little of the same—of Boers and men lost in the Philippines which are not made public through the dispatches. The news comes through other channels later, but surely.

The turn of recent events in the desperate contest by the Boers for existence commands the attention—if not the sympathy—of the whole world. DeWet's plan for invading rich, hostile and populous Cape Colony is a maneuver which has been a dernier resort in many great campaigns and has usually been attended

by disaster to the invader. Pyrrhus in his Roman campaign, Napoleon at Moscow and Lee at Gettysburg are notable instances. Desperation, daring and disaster have been the result of rule rather than the exception to it. The brave DeWet will win nothing for his country but protracted misery and a dearly bought peace when he shall have succumbed, but for his name he will win undying fame and doubtless will be accorded a high place in the military history of the world.

It is no surprise that the English Government refuses to accept the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. We have been unable to see how that government could do so and still retain its self respect as well as the respect of other nations. It becomes necessary now for tedious negotiations to be carried on between the two governments, and unless there is some way devised by which the English can crawl out in decent shape, we may expect to see the negotiations hang for many years. THE FREE LANCE heartily espouses the cause of the Nicaragua canal scheme and its being owned and controlled absolutely by this government, and we hope that it will ultimately result in this, but, as we have before said, if we were English we could not consent to this because of former treaties which have not expired or been abrogated. A battle of diplomacy is now on and while we hope for American success the past history of such things would point to British triumph.

A change of rulers doesn't seem to jar England any more than it does our country.—Bristol News.

Sometimes the transformation not only jives America, but shakes the very foundations of our Republic.

As yet the Ship Subsidy bill hasn't been able to create sufficient motion to produce a flood tide though it may command the moon and hold night seasons.

Now that ice will cure the hiccups and salt will prolong life the perpetual motion man will have to get a hustle on or else he'll be a back number.

ACCORDING to our way of cogitating a set to between Aguinaldo and Mrs. Nation would prove the drawing card of the new century.

Now that ships can be discovered 100 miles off surprise naval attacks should be numbered with the things of the past.

IT SEEMS that the British will have to improve upon their decoys before they will be able to trap the Boers.

PAT CROWNE may be a novice at aerial circumbulation but his flight proved a grand success.

WHEN two trains try to pass on a single track something generally becomes trackless.

IT IS a difficult question, after all, whether or not Mr. Carnegie is a real philanthropist.

SECRETARY LONG had quite a spectacular career in the open letter business.

SOME of the big railroads are issuing bonds in regular Castellane fashion.

THE life insurance man hasn't proved a bar to funeral fees.

CONGRESSMAN SWANSON Engineers a Victory For War Tax Reduction.

The action of the Ways and Means Committee, in finally agreeing to a reference with the Senate on the war tax reduction bill, insures the final passage of the measure. It is not saying much when it is stated that the victory belongs to a great extent to Representative Swanson of Virginia. The fight was a bitter one.

At the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee Mr. Swanson made a determined fight for a conference, saying that the country demanded some reduction in the war taxes. He pointed out the great interests affected, and spoke at length on the oppressive taxes imposed on the tobacco industry of the country. Mr. Swanson then appealed to the minority to vote for a conference.

A vote was finally taken, at which eight Republicans voted to kill the bill and two answered present. As there are only seven Democrats on the Committee, the opposition seemed doomed. Mr. Babcock (Republican), however, withdrew his vote and answered present. This made the direct vote tie 7 to 7. Mr. Payne then changed his vote from present, and voted with the Democrats.

Mr. Swanson is jubilant at the victory, and the reduction of the war taxes is now assured. As the senior minority member of the Ways and Means Committee, he is being congratulated on his fight, as the bill is one of the most important that will be considered at this session of Congress—Wash., Cor., Richmond Dispatch.

Gen. Pitts Lee and his Bust.

Some days ago the Dispatch made an allusion to the good condition of the bust of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, which occupies a conspicuous place in the rotunda of the capitol. The name and whereabouts of the sculptor who put the marble there, had been forgotten but shortly after the paragraph appeared, he wrote to Col. Richardson, Register of the Land office, and requested him to clean it. This has been done, and the bust now shows up most handsomely. The original of the bust—the "real Pitts"—has also heard about the soiled condition of his likeness, and in a personal letter from Omaha, Neb., to the Dispatch, he says: "Your paper reports that I am on a bust at the capitol. Be kind enough to inform me how I got there, where it came from, and whether I am a work of art, or otherwise. I have been told that persons on a bust do not know 'what is doing,' as we westerners say."

The General may rest assured that he shows up well while "on a bust" and that he is nothing if not a work of art. A great many of his friends would rather see him in the flesh than in the marble, however.—Rich. Dispatch.

The Beahm Trial

The Beahm-Kearney sedition trial at Kansas City is drawing to a close. Nearly all the evidence is in and the jury went to Bentonsville to examine the school premises. Mrs. Beahm and her 8-year-old child sat by her husband during the session.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The Piedmont Hotel at Louisa O. H. was sold Monday to Mr. Wm. Greene for \$60,000.

Over 220 candidates will be examined March 1 for admission to the West Point Military Academy.

The Naval Board advises that the bid of the Newport News company to build a protected cruiser, be rejected.

P. T. Dowell has been appointed postmaster at Taylorsville, Hanover county, vice M. G. Pollard, resigned.

An original U. S. pension of \$8 per month has been granted to Mary Baily, Accomac, one to Arnetus Oates, Merry Point, 6; and Martha A. Stewart, Free Shade, 8.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is expected to attend the conference of Mining Engineers to be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond next week. If he comes he will make an address.

Upward of \$1,000 was donated by two Methodist churches in Richmond on Sunday for the proposed Methodist Orphanage—the Union-Station and Laurel Street congregations donating about \$500 each.

The President has decided to let young men from private life into the army and not give entire preference in his appointments to those who had served in the Spanish war or are now in the volunteer service.

Gov. Tyler has received a letter from Mr. H. E. Oole, of Northumberland county, asking permission to float the State flag over Liberty Hall, his home. Mr. Oole is to bear all the cost attached to his patriotic idea. The Governor gave the desired permission.

O. F. Caster, of Accomac county, killed a hog last week which weighed 1,621 pounds. It was 2 years and 10 months old, and its weight a year ago, it is stated, would not exceed 345 pounds and therefore shows remarkable increase in size in a year of nearly 700 pounds, or about 2 pounds a day.

The body of Gen. Albert D. Shaw, ex-Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Congressman from New York, was taken to Watertown, N. Y. There was no Congressional committee on request of the family of the deceased.

The desk of General Shaw in the House was covered with flowers Monday.

The committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of General Shaw, reported Monday. Messrs. John B. Danvers and Robert McCandless, members of the Mathews county bar, reported Monday. Speeches were made by Messrs. J. Boyd Sears, J. H. Stubbs, W. C. L. Taffetta, J. N. Taffetta, Robert L. Moady, G. E. T. Lane and Judge Garrett.

The President has appointed Dr. R. W. Morgan of Lynchburg, one of the three members of the board of examiners of the applicants for commissions as dentists in the army, of whom there will be thirty. Dr. Morgan was a private in the 11th Virginia Infantry during the war between the States, and was wounded in both feet.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Outlook, Richmond, held on Sunday, a resolution was adopted, endorsing an increase of five cents on the \$100 of assessed values for use of the public schools; the expenditure of the county school tax paid by the town in the support of the school; the exercise of the control of the leasing of license to liquor dealers in the town council, and the setting aside by the council of a certain per cent of the revenues of the town as a sinking fund to meet the bonded debts of the town.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

WASHINGTON AIR LINE WILL NOT BE BUILT.

States Sen. R. F. & P. R. R. Not to be sold.

Three bills affecting the Richmond and Washington Air Line Railway passed both houses of the Virginia Legislature Tuesday. The effect is to release the Seaboard Air Line from the construction of its line to Washington and for the State to surrender the securities, amounting to \$135,000 deposited by President Williams for compliance with his contract.

One bill repeals the charter of the new company. Another repeals the act authorizing the sale of Virginia's stock in the R. F. & P. Railroad and the third one prohibits the Richmond and Washington Air Line from making bituminous coal arrangements with the R. F. & P. Railroad, than they existed. These measures passed both houses by very decisive majorities.

The two houses have this week rushed local bills through at a tremendous rate. The Senate passed about twenty bills, and the House probably twice as many Tuesday. This rush indicates that members believe that the end of the session is near at hand.

The bill for the Constitutional Convention is still hanging up, each house having passed its own separate measure. A conference committee will probably recommend a basis of agreement. The indications are that the compromise which will approach something like the House membership.

The House committee on Agriculture reported the Jones bill, allowing the Farmers' Fair Association certain privileges. It is claimed that the language of the bill is so latitudinarian as to admit of prizefighting or anything else under the sun.

The House passed a bill prohibiting carrying out of this State or buying any oysters taken from the natural rocks of the waters of Virginia, whose shell measures less than three inches.

JIM CROW LAW ON BOATS.

Mr. Walker offered a bill, which was passed unanimously, making some changes in the "Jim Crow" law as applicable to steamboats. The bill recites the fact that the law allows the captain of a steamboat to assign separate eating, sleeping and sitting apartments for the colored race, and the construction of the vessel will permit, taking into consideration the safety of the passengers.

He said the captains of vessels had been disregarding the law, and his bill was designed to compel them to do so.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Goldman—To amend and reenact sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "An act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges in the counties of Northumberland and Westmoreland, approved March 4, 1898." To incorporate the Independent Aid Society of Westmoreland county, Va.

Mr. Settle: Incorporating the Blue Ridge Railway Company.

In the Senate Mr. Jeffries introduced a concurrent resolution requesting the two Senators from Virginia and the Congressmen to secure the passage of the Spooner bill, which gives United States volunteers mastered out of service early in the war the same extra pay allowances granted those mustered out later. The resolution was adopted and communicated.

Mr. Hanley—For the relief of W. F. Jarvis.

Mr. Early—For the relief of John O. Utz.

BILLS PASSED.

To amend charter of the Fredericksburg and Rappahannock Railway Company, with senate amendments.

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GENERAL NEWS.

ex-King Milan of Serbia is dead.
Riots in Spain are growing serious.
The Senate Military Affairs Committee decided to report favorably the nominations of Brigadier-Generals Wood, Grant and Bell.

The Oregon Legislature has declared in favor of the repeal of the clause of the State Constitution forbidding negroes to live in the State.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas W. O. T. crusader, met a cool reception in Chicago and her lecture was delivered to a small audience.

The latest Trust combination is to control the trade in sewing silks, in which it is said English and American capitalists are united.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senator Dewey reported from the Committee on Expenditures a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the Buffalo Park-American Exposition.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, now brigadier general of volunteers, to be brigadier general in the regular army.

Senator Turley introduced a joint resolution in the Senate ratifying the agreement between Tennessee and Virginia with reference to the boundary line between the two States.

The House passed the Army Appropriation bill, carrying \$117,994,649. Mr. McClellan (N. Y.) made a speech comparing the cost of the United States soldier with the European. It was agreed to expunge from the Record the letter which Mr. Seitz presented and which reflected upon Mr. Perry S. Heath.

The omnibus bill was reported favorably in the Senate. It appropriates about \$100,000 to Virginia claimants, among them the executor of the late Stewart of Fairfax, \$1,049; Duncan James of Fauquier, \$440 and Arlington Chapel, \$8,000 \$210 to the heirs of H. C. Browner, of Prince William, \$230 to J. W. Fletcher, of Fauquier.

The House witnessed Monday the liveliest day of the present session. An interesting debate occurred over the extension of the power of the Senate respecting revenue legislation. It was decided to ask a conference on the War Revenue Reduction Act. An exciting controversy occurred when Mr. Seitz presented an anonymous letter attacking Mr. Perry S. Heath.

SOME DEATHS.

N. J. Pasque, prominent on the Eastern shore died Monday at Sandy, aged 71 years. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Andrew Glasell, who died recently, was a native of Madison county. He was 78 years old and left a wife and several children.

Mr. Philip McKee, a prominent ex-Confederate soldier, died Sunday at his home in Middlesex county, aged 69 years. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mr. Griffin Condit, the oldest citizen of Middlesex county, died at his home Sunday night, aged 86. He leaves nine children, all passed the meridian of life. His fourth wife died several months ago.

L. J. Genter Sheriff of Accomac county, and former bookkeeper of the State Senate, died in Drummondtown, Accomac county Monday, aged 58 years. Among his last official acts of note was the hanging of John Holden, last December.

Booker T. Washington Speaks in Richmond.
Booker T. Washington, the founder of the Tuskegee (Ala.) Colored Industrial School, addressed a large audience in Richmond Monday night. Many members of the Legislature and other prominent officials were present. The only reference to politics was the incident's touch upon the proposition to disfranchise the negro by the constitutional convention.

He said: "You have State and local problems before you for settlement with which I would not dare meddle, but I would take the liberty of adding this: That no question is ever permanently settled until it is settled right, in absolute fairness and justice to all parties concerned. No trickery, evasion or opportunity to promote greed will ever result in bringing about that permanent good will and peace which will result in a deep common interest in our Government and public affairs."

Prospect for More Trains

The Southern Railway, according to reports, is planning the operation of through trains between Danville and Washington, via Richmond and Fredericksburg. These trains will be operated over the Southern's own rail between Danville and Richmond, and from there to Washington over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Pennsylvania lines.

Offensive even to myself—F. A. Hoytom, druggist Ocochee, Kas., says: "For 20 years I suffered from Ocatarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything which promised me a cure. In almost all instances I had to proclaim them no good at all. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it." Sold by J. B. Hall Sons, Johnston and Pearson.

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